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MESSAGE FROM THE E.S.T.

Ucal Powell

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope that everyone is having a happy and healthy summer so far, and that you're getting a chance to enjoy the warm weather with friends and family.

I want to begin by reminding all Members that the provincial election is taking place on October 6th. As in past years, the Union will be working hard to support those candidates who have supported us on the issues that matter most. This will be an extremely important election for all Members because the outcome will have a direct impact on both the creation of construction jobs and the safety of your workplaces. Please take a moment to review the Political Action section of the newsletter to learn more about how to get involved and help us build a stronger Ontario.

I want to officially notify all members that the Carpenters' District Council has launched its brand new website, which can be found at www.thecarpentersunion.ca. We've updated the look and provided you with lots of interesting information, and we've also created a "members only" section that, once accessed, will allow you to keep up to date with Union events taking place at your Local and also enjoy our "member only" photo gallery.

Recently, we launched a program to update our membership contact information. As part of that process (which is already underway), all members will receive a call from our office asking to verify the contact information that we have on file. I would ask that you please co-operate with our callers because having the most current contact information will allow us to keep you better informed.

From May 4th to May 6th, the Local Union 27 Joint Apprenticeship and Training Centre hosted our Annual Provincial Carpentry, Acoustic and Drywall, and Floor Covering Apprenticeship Contest. I would like to commend Cristina Selva and the rest of her team for doing an outstanding job organizing the event. I would also like to congratulate the contest winners:

General Carpenter – Joshua Myntinen (Local 27 – Toronto)
Acoustic and Drywall – Jordan Titus (Local 675 – Toronto)
Floor Covering – Mike Walsh (Local 27 – Toronto)

On May 30th, the Union hosted our Annual Charity Golf Tournament. It was a tremendous success and this year we raised money for a number of worthwhile and deserving charities. Congratulations to the entire Golf Tournament Committee and to all the participants, sponsors, donors and volunteers for a job well done.

I hope that you all enjoy the rest of the summer.

Yours in Solidarity,

Ucal Powell



Ucal Powell



From left to right: Ucal Powell, Vaughan MPP Greg Sorbara and Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty



From Left to Right: Mike Humphries Carpenters Local 27 Business Representative, Ucal Powell, EST of Carpenters District Council, Mike Yorke, Carpenters and Allied Workers Local 27 President and Aaron Richardson, Local 27 member at a fundraising event for Camp Jumoke, a recreational camp for children with sickle cell disease.

The event took place at Queens Park in Spring of 2011. The Carpenters Team raised well over \$5,000 and played an important role for Camp Jumoke.

■ POLITICAL ACTION REPORT



Premier Dalton McGuinty



*Eddie Thornton and Mayor Rob Ford
at Eddie Thornton's Retirement Party*

The upcoming provincial election will take place on October 6th and the stakes have never been higher for our members and their families.

We have made great progress over the last eight years and have played an active role in helping to elect a government that respects organized labour, listens to our concerns and supports us on the issues that matter most.

Jobs, Jobs, Jobs

Throughout this newsletter, you can see stories and pictures from one end of the province to the other, about the investments made by the provincial government to build, renovate or expand hospitals, energy plants, court houses, colleges, universities, stadiums, municipal buildings and much more. These investments have meant that thousands of our members are working in good jobs. These jobs and many of your paycheques are the direct result of the right decisions being made at Queen's Park by Dalton McGuinty and the Ontario Liberal Government.

If re-elected in October, the McGuinty Liberals pledge to continue the investments that keep our members working.

The Conservatives' infrastructure plan is all about building more roads and mentions nothing about approving the projects that we work on.

Worker Safety

Since 2003, the McGuinty Liberal Government has made a sincere effort to improve on-the-job safety for all workers across Ontario. Shortly after getting elected 8 years ago, the Liberals hired 200 additional Ministry of Labour health and safety inspectors and since then, they have consistently worked with your union and all other industry partners to make sure more working men and women return home safely at the end of the workday. Most recently, in response to the infamous swing-stage tragedy that saw four workers lose their lives on Christmas Eve 2009, the McGuinty Government created a task force on workplace safety and its report was full of recommendations that your union supports.

If re-elected in October, the McGuinty Government will continue to implement the recommendations of the task force and will continue making your job sites safer.

The Conservatives want to reduce "red tape" for businesses and have publicly committed to weakening the health and safety regulations and reducing the number of Ministry of Labour inspectors.

Ask yourselves these questions before you vote.....

What good is a tax cut if I'm out-of-work?

What good is a tax cut if I'm injured (or worse) on the job?

We cannot afford to lose all that we have gained by electing a risky political party with a hazardous plan that will kill our jobs, make our workplaces less safe, undermine our apprenticeship system and weaken our labour laws.

Please get involved to help us support a government that supports us and re-elect the McGuinty Government on October 6th.

POLITICAL ACTION REPORT

Why Political Action is important to you and your family?

Politicians make decisions every day that affect our lives. They can help create more construction jobs, safer workplaces, a stronger apprenticeship system and they can choose to respect skilled tradespeople. Or not.

It's up to us to educate them about what's important to you and your family. We do this by getting involved in election campaigns to support the candidates who support us. We put up their signs, hand out their flyers and help spread their message to our friends and neighbours. Because it matters.

And in between elections, regardless of who's in power, we stand up for you and make sure your voice is heard on Parliament Hill, at Queen's Park and in city halls across Ontario. And it works.

Political Action Delivers Results

Jobs, jobs, jobs – thousands of our members have worked building new hospitals, energy plants, university expansions, community centres and water treatment plants because of investments in infrastructure

Safer workplaces – 200 more Ministry of Labour inspectors on-the-job and tough new rules established to protect our members against irresponsible employers

Stronger apprenticeship system – many of our training centres have received funding to buy better equipment making our apprentices and journeymen among the best-trained tradespeople in the world

Fair labour laws – the restoration of cardbased certification protects our members' rights and helps to protect the unionized employers who put our members to work

How You Can Get Involved

The next provincial election will begin right after Labour Day and voting will take place on October 6th. This is an extremely important election and we have a lot of work to do in order to make sure that all political parties and candidates understand our issues.

As in past elections, we will support and help the political parties and candidates who support us. But we cannot be successful without your help and we urge you to volunteer some time before and during the election to help with sign installation, flyer distribution and contacting your brothers and sisters to make sure they know that the stakes are high.

Make a difference by signing-up for political action updates via text message and e-mail by visiting www.thecarpentersunion.ca. You can also send your contact information to election2011@thecarpentersunion.ca or by calling 1-888-803-5008 extension 273.



Minister of Labour Charles Sousa at the 25th Annual Provincial Carpentry, Acoustic and Drywall and Floor Covering Apprenticeship Contest

MESSAGE FROM THE ORGANIZING DIRECTOR



Carlos Pimentel



This exquisitely hand crafted self regulating Plough Plane is a replica of that created by American Master Plane Maker Isreal White from 1831-1839.

The precision tool was commissioned by the Carpenters' District Council of Ontario to honour of Local Union 83's 125th Anniversary and was custom made by a proud 20 year member of Carpenters' Local 27

D. L. Barrett and Sons in Ontario



Recently I had an opportunity to make a presentation to a group of workers to explain CLAC. These workers had heard many things, but were unsure what CLAC was or where it came from.

CLAC is the "Christian Labour Association of Canada".

It was first established in the United States in 1931 and the Canadian version (or CLAC) was formed in 1952 by Dutch immigrants affiliated with the Christian Reformed Church in Ontario. CLAC gained its first certification in Ontario in 1963.

CLAC grew during the mid-1980s and 1990s with the rise to power of right-wing and anti-union governments at the federal and provincial levels. These governments had an agenda that favoured corporate and employer interests at the expense of workers and their families.

In theory, CLAC claims that it draws many of its values and principles the Bible which is ironic because that notion is contradicted by its own actions. The Bible is full of references and stories of individuals who have fought and struggled for the well-being of others and who advocated for an improvement in the standard of living for the masses. And yet CLAC routinely negotiates sub-standard agreements for its members.

CLAC has the reputation of being an employers union and a defence against legitimate unions. CLAC is not really a union. It's a labour association, which are entities that are normally used by employers to block organizing campaigns. Employers' associations provide just enough of an hourly wage, just enough of a benefit plan and just enough representation – none of which is equal to a proper or complete collective agreement.

In my presentation to the workers, I provided numerous examples of situations in which employers contacted CLAC and signed a "sweetheart" deal in an attempt to block legitimate unions' organizing campaigns.

If CLAC is so committed to drawing its inspiration from the Bible, why does it partner with organizations such as the Merit Shop Association, Open Shop Contractors Association, the Canadian Labour Watch Association and the Progressive Contractors Association of Canada? These groups work to undermine and attack unions across Canada.

CLAC claims to be non-political, but yet routinely partners with organizations that lobby all levels of government to pass legislation that compromises working conditions and weakens legitimate organizing.

The history of the union movement is filled with examples of victories in the area of occupational health and safety, sick leave, minimum wage, maternity leave, pensions and employment insurance and medicare and the list goes on. The only way to guarantee future progress is for working men and women to continue to partner with legitimate unions to protect themselves and their families.

Please be advised that the Carpenters' District Council of Ontario's newly-designed website has been officially launched.

It can be found by clicking on the following:

www.thecarpentersunion.ca

We encourage our members to access the website so that they can stay in touch with their union. If you have any questions or concerns please call the Political Action Office at 905-652-4140 ext 273 or by email at gbeis@thecarpentersunion.ca



AREA 1

Local 18 - Report - Hamilton/Niagara

I would just like to report on the amount of infrastructure monies that have been designated for the Hamilton/ Niagara areas from the Provincial Liberal Government. The steady employment opportunities that we have been experiencing in our area, is a definite result of the Ontario Provincial Liberal Government reinvesting in Ontario.

I have included some photos of only 3 projects currently under construction employing large numbers of Carpenters from both of our Union hiring halls. The St Catharines Hospital project and St Josephs Mental Health Centre combined total over \$ 2 Billion dollars in construction work. The Juravinski Hospital had a budgeted price of \$ 300 million to add and renovate and they are currently working on phase 2 of this project which will continue well into 2012. These projects are showing us that the provincial government is spending your tax dollars where the people want the money to be spent, and that is on our healthcare.

Locally we have had our Liberal MPP's Ted McMeekin and Sophie Aggelontis convince Dalton McGuinty to also invest in Hamilton at:

Arcelor/Mattel Dofasco \$43 million

Ivor Wynne Stadium \$22.5 million

Mohawk College \$ 20 million

Water and Wastewater treatment plants over \$ 100 million

We are going to be having a provincial election upcoming in October 2011 and I would like to stress to all of our brothers and sisters that this is still the best government the working class citizens could ask for. We need to have the Liberal Government re-elected, as they listen to our concerns and always have the time and make the effort to understand our concerns. You must get involved with your local union Political Action Committee as soon as possible. This will benefit you, your local union and the Liberal riding association in your area.

Please get involved and help the Carpenters elect a friendly government that will help you and your family. Make sure you "VOTE" and encourage others to vote as well and let them know a vote for the Liberals is a vote for the future of Ontario.

Matthew Creary

Local 18 Hamilton/ Niagara



Matthew Creary



WSIB REPORT

Work Transition

In December 2010, the Workplace Safety & Insurance Board (WSIB) implemented a number of changes to its Labour Market Re-entry Program, which was the re-training program for workers with permanent injuries.

Instead of using outside consultants who would coordinate the schooling and other training of injured workers, the WSIB hired its own staff to arrange a return to work. These "Work Transition Specialists", as they are known, have been conducting many meetings with injured workers, their employers and our union WSIB representatives.

By the time they are referred to the Work Transition Specialists, most workers are not expecting to go back to their original employers, as the employers are usually not able to accommodate their injuries. However, the Work Transition Specialists will still want to meet with employers and consider whether the companies would still want to hire back their injured workers, even if it is to a new position after the member is re-trained.

Re-employment in the Construction Industry

Since September 2008, construction employers have been obligated to re-employ their injured construction workers who have been able to work due to a work-related injury. Subject to time limits, this obligation applies even after the worker has fully recovered. The WSIB has recently been conducting an increased number of investigations into allegations that particular employers have violated their re-employment obligation.

Benefits Available Via Direct Deposit

For many years, the WSIB had not offered direct deposit to injured workers who were receiving loss of earnings benefits – even on a long-term basis.

In the fall of 2010, the WSIB started introducing the direct deposit option again. If you have been receiving biweekly benefit payments for six months or longer and you are involved in Labour Market Re-entry / Work Transition or Medical Rehabilitation efforts, you may be eligible for direct deposit. Contact your Case Manager to request this service.

If you have questions regarding any of the above issues or other Workers' Compensation-related matters, please call 1-888-803-5008 and ask for Sally Chiappetta-Scapin (ext.239) or Michael Farago (ext. 222).

DE NOVA TREATMENT CENTRE

A New Beginning

De Novo is an alcohol and drug treatment service operated as a partnership between management and unionized members of Ontario's construction trades.

We provide free assessment, referral, residential treatment and recovery support.



What is De Novo?

De Novo provides assessment, referral, residential treatment and follow-up recovery support to people in Ontario's construction trades who struggle with an alcohol or drug problem (or both) and who belong to participating unions. We've helped construction workers for ten years and we're ready to help you.

We help you by using the Twelve Step philosophy as well as other treatment methods, one-on-one and group counselling, and healthy living support during your 35 day stay in our rural treatment centre near Sundridge (south of North Bay). We then provide follow-up phone support and we help you to take part in our Graduate's Mutual Support Aftercare Program, to assist you on your recovery path.

There is no waiting list for our service – when you're ready to get help, we're ready to welcome you to De Novo.

If you have problems with alcohol or drugs, we can help even if you've tried without success to quit in the past.

Does Alcohol and Drug Treatment Work?

People struggling with alcohol or drugs often feel hopeless. They often ask themselves "Can anyone really help me?"

The simple answer is "yes".

Research across the world shows that alcohol and drug treatment provided by trained sympathetic counsellors, followed by recovery support, transforms people's lives.

It leads to improvements in family life, work life, and physical and emotional health.

People in the construction trades who graduated from De Novo's program tell us their lives took a better path when De Novo helped them with treatment and recovery – a path that gave them a new beginning.

What our Graduates say

De Novo was a life preserver with my name on it. If you are at risk of drowning because of your addiction, contact De Novo. Its motto, A New Beginning, is the right one for me and for others – a new beginning can make the difference between life and death. God bless De Novo for its help.

Archie M, a De Novo Graduate

At the age of 52, I didn't know where to turn, so I contacted my union and they suggested that De Novo could help. De Novo got me started on the road to recovery. It saved my life!

Doug B, a De Novo Graduate

I was addicted to cocaine and other substances and I hit rock bottom. Then I read a De Novo pamphlet and realized there was help for me, without a long waiting list to get service. Because De Novo helped me with my drug and alcohol problems in 2004, I now hold a good job, I pay my bills, I got my driver's license back I'm no longer in trouble with the law.

Shane G, a De Novo Graduate

Alcohol and cocaine ruined my job and my marriage – but a relative told me about De Novo. I was admitted three days later. Because of De Novo I have a better, more accepting outlook on life. De Novo gave me tools I use every day to live life sober.

Keith L, a De Novo Graduate

How to Contact Us

If you'd like to learn more about De Novo or tell us about your drug or alcohol problem so we can suggest resources to help you, contact us any time, day or night, any day. We will take your name and number, and a counsellor will call you back as soon as possible to answer your questions or discuss treatment with you. Your contact with us is kept confidential. You can phone us at:

- Toll free: 1 (800) 9DeNovo

You can also send us an email: denovotreatmentcentre@bellnet.ca

How to Get Admitted

It's easy. We need only four things:

- A daytime phone call from you to De Novo between 9 and 5, Monday to Friday, so we can hold a pre-admission phone interview with you
- A phone call from you to your union rep or business manager to say you want to be admitted
- A medical clearance form from your doctor. We send the form to your doctor after you contact us. If you don't have a doctor, we will suggest other ways to get the form filled in.
- You must not use alcohol or drugs for 72 hours before you arrive at De Novo.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can my family visit me at De Novo?

We ask your family not to visit in the first seven days of your stay. After that, they are welcome to visit on Saturdays from 10 to 5.

Can you also help my family?

We are developing a family support service. Until it's ready, we can give you a Family Guide, explaining to your family how De Novo helps you.

Do you serve both men and women?

Yes. Women often prefer a women-only treatment setting, so we arrange admission to a trusted women's residential treatment partner agency.

What should I bring with me?

Please bring clothes, personal care items and any medications on your medical clearance form. Prescription medications must be in blister packs.

Will my anonymity be protected?

Yes. We do not provide reports to your union, employer or anyone unless you authorize it.

How do I get to De Novo?

Someone can drive you to our site near Sundridge by car, three hours north of Toronto, or you can take a bus (we will meet you at the Sundridge bus station).

Are medications allowed at De Novo?

De Novo will discuss with you which medications are allowed. They are kept under lock while you are at De Novo.

De Novo Treatment Centre

P. O. Box 488, 279 Adams Road, Sundridge, ON P0A 1Z0

Telephone: 1 (705) 384-1466 **Toll free:** 1 (800) 9DeNovo **Fax:** (705) 384-1509

email: denovotreatmentcentre@bellnet.ca

The WSIB Department welcomes a New Staff Member

La-Dana Manhertz has joined Michael Farago and Sally Chiappetta-Scapin in the WSIB Department as the new WSIB Intake Worker. As the WSIB Intake Worker, La-Dana will be helping Members with issues relating to WSIB claims, disability insurance benefits, Employment Insurance, Canada Pension Plan Disability.

Michael Farago and Sally Chiappetta-Scapin continue to represent Members at WSIB Return to Work and Work Transition Meetings, and in appeals involving the Workplace Safety & Insurance Board, the Workplace Safety & Insurance Appeals Tribunal, Employment Insurance and Canada Pension Plan Disability.

For general claims information, please contact La-Dana Manhertz at (905) 652-4140, extension 361. For additional information regarding a WSIB, Employment Insurance or CPP matter or appeal, please contact Michael Farago at (905) 652-4140, extension 222 or Sally Chiappetta-Scapin at (905) 652-4140, extension 239.

Helmets to Hard Hats

Brothers and Sisters,

As some of you may know, the Carpenters Union has been quite actively working with our government to start a program very similar to what our brothers and sisters in the US have started. This program allows us to assist former military members with getting a career in the skilled trades.

We have already helped retired soldiers from various combat units join the union. I personally served with 3RCR for 10 years, joined the union as an apprentice in 1995 and have been an active member since.

As our Armed Forces' operational role in Afghanistan comes to a close, I would ask all brothers and sisters to remember to thank any other union member who has served.

Retired CPL Humphries C.D.

3RCR Pro Patria
(Work hard)



Presently Wyatt Bilger is working for Hardrock at the Maple Leaf Gardens project

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AREA 2

Local 675 Report - Toronto



Tony Iannuzzi

I wish all of you a happy and healthy summer and hope that you enjoy some time with your family.

Tony Iannuzzi
Local Union Coordinator
Local 675



From bottom left, Ron Johnson, ISCA, Tony Iannuzzi, President, Sonia Mlacic, Claudio Mazzotta, Nemesio Taddei, Sandi Ianni

Local 675's Foreman lunch held in December 2010 at Paramount.



Local 675 Retiree Watch Presentation at our Local membership meetings. Tony Iannuzzi presents a watch to each Retired Member for their years of service.



Local 397 Report - Port Hope

Work in the area has been slow in the first half of this year, but is expected to improve as we go into the fall. Most of the on-going work is still in the Trenton/Belleville area with work on the Air Base in Trenton, Phase 2 of the Belleville Hospital and a six storey consolidated Court House also in Belleville. The retail sector has also improved including our market share in that sector. The Durham Energy Centre in Courtice and the Incinerator are also slated to start this fall.

More notably is the major infrastructure work (12 new buildings) to support the Darlington Refurbishment Project beginning in 2015.

Our Local elections were held in June with the new officers as listed below:

Reg Stanley – President	Joshua Neville - Conductor
Tom Hill – Vice President	Doug Brown- Warden
Robert Lang - Financial Secretary	Jim Dunn - Trustee
Joel Neville – Treasurer	Wayne Staples - Trustee
Andrew Neville- Secretary	Ron Waites - Trustee

Again, this year we will be hosting the Labour Day Event in conjunction with the Northumberland Labour Council and flyers will be out in the mail.

We will also be holding our bi-annual Retirement/Pin /Awards dinner in the fall.

Also a reminder that our meetings for July and August are cancelled and we hope to see everyone at the September meeting.

With that I wish you all a happy and safe summer.

Faternally,

Joel Neville
Local Union Coordinator
Local 397



Joel Neville

AREA 2

Local 27 Area Report

Dear Brothers and Sisters;

After one of the soggiest springs on record, Toronto and the GTA are now deep into the hot and hazy days of mid summer. Toronto's medical officer of health has issued an "extreme heat alert" so take real care when working outside, drink plenty of water, avoid alcoholic beverages, coffee or pop and wear cool loose fitting clothing. Many projects start earlier in the morning when its cooler and this makes sense where possible. For some more information please see:

www.toronto.ca/health/heatalerts/alert.htm

Work Picture Looks Good

The Local 27 work picture is a positive one with many large projects fully underway and numerous others gearing up or well along in the planning stages. Projects such as Bridgepoint Hospital (\$650 million), George Brown College on the waterfront (\$175 million), CAMH, and Ontario Forensics are great examples of our members putting their skills to work on high profile Public Sector jobsites.

Aga Khan Centre

An institutional project we should all be aware of and proud of the new Aga Khan Centre, a \$300 million project being constructed by Carrillion on Wynford Drive at the Don Valley Parkway.

The Centre includes two buildings of critical importance for Toronto – a religious and community centre and a museum of Islamic art. The architects of record are Moriyma and Teshima of Toronto and it's well worth a look at their website. www.mtarch.com

Many Local 27 companies are currently on site including; Verdi Alliance, Avenue, Resform and Scafom Canada. Drive by and take a look at the project. It's really impressive and something for the Carpenters Union to be proud of!

Commercial Projects Underway

A couple of high profile commercial projects are: The retrofit of First Canadian Place by Ellis Don which is a complete façade replacement which will lessen the risks associated with aging marble panels.

Brookfield and other co-owners are making a \$100 million investment, replacing all 45,000 marble panels with ceramic/laminated glass panels and expect work to be completed by the end of 2011. Local 27 companies on site include: Ellis Don, Clifford Restoration, Metro Hoisting and Atlantic Hoisting (NYC).

The Jade Kennedy Project is a \$150 million development by Mady Construction and is a 300 unit Chinese mall that includes a 60,000 sq ft T + T supermarket, which is to be completed by 2012.

Architectural Awards

The Local is very supportive of a number of awards programs that recognize architectural and craftsmanship excellence.

These awards programs include:

Pug Awards – www.pugawards.com

Ontario Association of Architects – www.oaa.on.ca

Toronto Urban Design awards – www.toronto.ca/tuda

Heritage Toronto Awards – www.heritagetoronto.org

Many of these recognized and awarded projects employed our contractors and our members, so please refer to the websites listed above for more information.



Mike Yorke

Habitat for Humanity

The Carpenters are well recognized for our volunteer activism and community leadership. We have been involved in numerous projects that Habitat for Humanity has initiated. At a recent Local 27 meeting, Arundel Gibson of Toronto Habitat gave the members a briefing on an upcoming project the "Habitat EMS Build" scheduled for this coming September in the Danforth and Victoria Park area of East Toronto. Carpenters will have the opportunity to engage our skills working alongside of police; firefighters and medical services (EMS) on an exciting build. To get involved please call the Union Office and leave a message for the MAC Committee (Membership Action Committee) or contact Habitat directly at 416-755-7353 ext 266.

Ontario Election

As you know Ontario is having a Provincial Election on October 6th of this year, but the campaign is already well underway. As a Union we are fully supporting the McGuinty Liberals and recognize the strong commitment they have to Ontario's Infrastructure Renewal and how this has benefited our members and their families. Our members have been well employed building the hospitals, Universities, Colleges and other public infrastructure Ontario needs to compete in a global economy. The Liberals have committed to continued infrastructure spending of \$100 billion over the new few years, so this ensures Ontario's ability to compete and maintain our standards!

It's positive to have a government on the side of working people and to see the opposite approach we need look no further than to our neighbors to the south. Their state governments in Wisconsin, Ohio, and New Jersey have made it clear they see the solution to economic problems is by attacking Unions and ordinary workers. Our job as Union members and good union citizens and community leaders is not to follow that path but to stand up for our rights as working people and support those that respect us.

You will hear more about this as "E Day" gets closer and check the Political Action update to learn how to get involved. Have a healthy and safe summer for both you and your family! And do not forget the sunscreen and cool water!

Yours Mike Yorke
Local Union Coordinator, Local 27

2011 CARPENTERS LOCAL 27 FAMILY PICNIC



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Aga Khan Centre in Don Mills-a Landmark Project!

Rising from the dust of the demolished corporate offices of Shell Oil and Bata Shoes in Don Mills is a cultural masterpiece for Toronto and Canada!

The Aga Khan, spiritual leader of the world's 15 million Ismaili Muslims is developing a multifaceted centre at a cost of over \$300 million on Wynford Drive just to the west of the DVP.

The 17 acre campus includes the Ismaili Centre designed by Charles Correa Architects of Mumbai and the Aga Khan Museum designed by Tokyo based Fumihiko Maki architects. The local architecture team/Architects of Record are Moriyama and Teshima of Toronto. Both these projects total almost 100,000 sq ft each and the museum includes a live performance theatre, while the community centre has a prayer hall large enough for 1500 people and will be clad in French Limestone.

As you may know Carillion Canada has recently completed the purchase of Vanbots Construction and is the General Contractor on this high profile project.

Other union contractors on site include: Scaform Canada (scaffolding), Avenue, Premform, and Verdi-Alliance (formwork).

According to Carillion Site superintendent Bruce Rogers, the complexity of formwork "was a real challenge" and that there was "a huge effort by the Carpenters to up their game"!

The museum's walls are designed at angles not plumb vertical as the ground floor leans inward at 13 1/2 degrees and the second floor walls lean outward at 21 degrees. The carpenters rose to this challenge in fine fashion as on seven metre high walls the tolerance is only 6 mils and the concrete had to be pumped up from the bottom with a very high slump.

Health and safety on site is also a high priority and Rogers notes that "We are trying to set standards of excellence for jobsite safety"! And that with the support of the trades "We are using the "Don't Walk By" safety program to full advantage and striving for zero tolerance"

The centre has underground parking for 750 cars which leaves the grade level open for a series of landscaped green spaces and gardens designed by the renowned landscape Architect Vladimir Djurovic who is based in Beirut.

This landmark project is on par with any building in the world today, has the input of globally recognized architects and designers, has garnered world wide press attention and is being built by our own Union brothers and sisters.

This spectacular project is a coup for Toronto, is scheduled for completion in November of 2012 and is something to be truly proud of!

For more info see:
www.urbantoronto.ca
www.carillion.ca
www.mtarch.com

LOCAL 27 BURSARY

The Maple Leaf Gardens Legacy Lives ON!

The Local 27 Bursary for 2011 has had an excellent response with over 5 submissions. The annual bursaries provide a donation of \$2,000 toward the tuition fees for the child or grandchild of a Local 27 member attending the first year of College and University.

A bursary is given towards each of these post secondary education paths.

The connection to Maple Leaf Gardens is really fascinating and one of the great traditions and historical legacies of Local 27.

Built in 1931 during the depths of the great depression under the leadership of Conn Smythe, the Gardens was the last remaining building used from the "Original six" NHL teams. Construction started on June 1, 1931, and, in what is considered an unequalled accomplishment the project was completed in under 5 months opening on November 12, 1931, with the leafs facing the Chicago Blackhawks.

Construction was partly funded via a public offering of shares in Maple Leaf Gardens Limited and many of the workers on site were paid in shares. This of course included many members of Local 27, who, over the years paid their dues with, donated, or bequeathed those MLG shares to the Union. In time, the Local's shares we had accumulated amounted to a substantial sum of money. Due to ownership changes at MLSE we had to "cash out" our shares. The Local 27 Executive board at the time debated the best use of the funds, and so the Local 27 Bursary was born, carrying on a legacy for future generations from the accomplishments of our past members. Our Union's on going relationship with Maple Leaf Gardens continues to this day as a major renovation is currently underway which will result in a new Loblaws store on the Carlton St. property which will include a sports complex – ice rink facility for Ryerson University. Again, Local 27 members are doing the work, employed by Buttcon Construction and Hardrock Forming, carrying on a great tradition and legacy of the partnership between Carpenters Local 27 and Maple Leaf Gardens.

See: www.buttcon.com
www.ryerson.ca

For more information or to apply for next years bursary please contact Gemma Beis at 905-652-4140 ext 273.

Bursary Winners for 2010



Pauline Cumming



Kayla Tozak



AREA 2

Local 785 Report - Cambridge

Pre-Apprentice Program Proves Successful to Apprentices and Contractors

Last fall Local 785 in Cambridge began training Drywall Pre-Apprentices to meet industry demands. Partnerships were formed between a number of employers and Local 785. The success rate of the Pre-Apprentices has been overwhelming and we are pleased to now have a newly formed satellite agreement with ISCA's main school. The agreement with ISCA will allow 785 to share resources and deliver training with more efficiency. We would like to extend a thank-you our industry partners, New Generation Drywall for their generous drywall donation and Downsview Drywall for their well received donation of steel studs and ceiling components. The local contractors have been very happy with the program being delivered at the Local 785 Training Centre as well; our pre-apprentices have been successful in maintaining employment and progressing in their newly acquired apprenticeship contracts. The Local 785 team are committed to delivering quality training to keep a solid workforce available to supply the Drywall industry in the K-W area.



Yours in Solidarity,

Sean O'Dwyer
Local Union Coordinator, Local 785



Sean O'Dwyer



Local 1030 Report - Hamilton

Dear Brothers and sisters,

Although it's been a slow spring season in the Residential sector things are looking promising for the summer months. Local 1030 is actively organizing in the Hamilton area for new members, we now have opened an office in Hamilton to serve those new members.

The Local 1030 Hamilton location is: 195 Locke St. S. Unit 3
Hamilton, ON. L8P 4B4
Tel: 905-522-5379
Fax: 905-522-8678

So if your looking for work in that area please call our two new representatives Tony Losak and Tony Pacenza.

Office hours are from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

In solidarity,

Ziggy Pflanzner
Local Union Coordinator, Local 103



Ziggy Pflanzner



■ AREA 3

Local 93 / 2041 Report -

Local 93 and Local 2041 in the community

Partnering with one of their signatory general contractors, Broccolini Construction, on the construction of a facility to provide services for cancer survivors and their families, Local 93 (Carpenters) and Local 2041 (Interior Systems) continue a tradition of involvement with their community.

The Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation, thanks in part to a large donation from Maplesoft Group, is funding the construction of Wellspring Ottawa – Maplesoft Centre, which will provide psychosocial programming for cancer survivors and their families free of charge.

Local 93 and 2041 made donations in the amount of \$31,889, which was matched by the Carpenters District Council, toward the costs of construction of the Maplesoft Centre, a 10,000 square foot wood frame facility at which programming for cancer survivors and their families will be provided.

Members of Local 93 and Local 2041 have been, and will be, employed by Broccolini Construction on the project, both directly and through subcontractors. Broccolini has also made significant contributions towards the cost of constructing the Maplesoft Centre.

Work prospects

Members of Local 93 and Local 2041 continue to enjoy the benefits of a thriving construction industry in Ottawa and Eastern Ontario, with both locals being at or close to full employment in recent months.

Training

Local 93 and Local 2041, through their adjacent state of the art training centres in East end Ottawa continue to ensure that members are provided with skills training and upgrading to maintain the competitive skill advantage Carpenters' members and signatory contractors enjoy.

In that vein, and as part of a move to increase market share in resilient flooring, Local 93 has begun offering the Brotherhood's INSTALL flooring program at its training centre. Instructors trained at the Brotherhood's International Training Centre are providing instruction to members of Local 93 that demonstrates the Union's commitment to having the most skilled members.

Local 2041, through the Ottawa Walls and Ceilings Training Centre, continues to provide training year round to apprentices and journeyman members, providing shop steward training, power elevated work platform training, propane training, fall arrest training, and powder actuated tools training. Additionally, the Local and the OWCTC are focusing on ensuring that apprentices who have completed the required courses and work hours are advanced to journeyman status.

Faces of the Council



Don Guilbeault
Local Union Coordinator
Local 2041

Faces of the Council



AREA 4

Local 1669 Area Report - Thunder Bay

What does the future hold for a resource based economy? If we could use the term "spin offs" this would describe the direction construction can go in Northwestern Ontario in the coming years.

Projects such as the large hydro dams projects north of Kapuskasing and Thunder Bay, windmills, solar farms, conversions of coal fired generating stations to natural gas or wood pellets are all green projects that are and will be a reality north of the 48th.

Presently new developments in mining and expansions to the present mine sites production facilities are creating good construction jobs for the members of the Carpenters Union. Palladium mines, Gold mines and the infamous "Ring of Fire" may be the future in construction for many years.

Projects such as the Court house, Multiple Seniors homes, OPP stations, Thunder Bay Waterfront project and various infrastructure projects throughout the northern cities are scheduled for the new year. With this type of work schedule, all members should be able to access good employment for the coming years.

Is the local positioned to take advantage of the expected surge of work in the Jurisdictional area of Local 1669 and surrounding area? Local 1669 has been and will continue to position itself for the future with implementation of plans to build a new training center and office complex for our membership. Recruitment of new apprentices, new carpenters, retention of existing members and reinstatement of old members will insure our signatory contractors of a workforce that will assist them to be competitive into the future.

The Carpenters direction in the north, like the Carpenters District Council of Ontario are open for new ideas, new techniques and are open to new partners of construction, always looking to the next generation to build the foundations we are used to working on. With these partnerships, we will move into the next year of construction on positive ground.

Executive of Local 1669



John Johnson
Local Union Coordinator
Local 1669

Local 2486 Area Report - Sudbury

Local 2486 received great news in early July when we were received a call from Tesc Contracting because they had decided to place an order for over 100 carpenters to replace CLAC workers at the Detour Gold project in Detour Lake and at the Young Davidson Mine in Mattachewan. It appears that North America Construction (1993) Ltd and KBR Wabi were not able to fulfill their contract.

In an effort to help our Union we ask that any UBC member working for one of these CLAC companies leave the site immediately because carpenters working for these companies are receiving lower wages and in most cases no pension and benefits. These contractors and CLAC are set up to undermine our standards and ultimately they rely on our skilled carpenters to do the work they can't. To date it appears that we are free from CLAC on the Matachewan Project and we applaud the carpenters who did the right thing and left these sites.

The North will be very busy as local 1669 Thunder Bay has just started the civil portion of work on the Lower Matagami project north of Kapuskasing, Ontario. There are a series of four OPG generating stations to be constructed over a three year span and they are located in Little Long, Harmon, Kippling and Smoky Falls.

Local 1669 will be needing help very shortly and will be looking for approximately 120 Journeymen union carpenters to help fill these jobs. Have a very safe summer.



Tom Cardinal
Local Union Coordinator
Local 2486



APPRENTICESHIP

25th Annual Ontario Provincial Apprenticeship Contest

The Carpenters' Local Union 27 Joint Apprenticeship & Training Trust Fund Inc. was honoured to host the 2011 25th Annual Provincial Carpentry and Drywall, Acoustic & Lathe Contests and, for the first time also the Floor Covering Apprenticeship Contest.

In having been selected to compete on behalf of their Locals, the 12 Carpentry contestants, 7 Drywall contestants, and 5 Floor Covering contestants, distinguished themselves across the province as the best of the best in their respective trades. As far as we—the Union, Trainers, and Employers—were concerned all 24 contestants were winners.

Flooring Contestants

Pat Czyz—L. 1946
Roland Evidente—L. 27
Michael Walsh—L. 27
Kambiz Mofid—L. 27
Yan-Nick Michaud—L. 93

Drywall Contestants

Joe Allison—L. 1946
Jeff Best—L. 397
Jeffery Good—L. 2041
Terry McBrady—L. 18
Bill Myers—L. 785
Nicholas Shelley—L. 494
Jordan Titus—L. 675

Carpentry Contestants

Michael Braico—L. 18
Ross Corindia—L. 397
Iain Darrah—L. 249
Kevin Edwards—L. 785
Matthew Leavoy—L. 494
Josh Mazak—L. 1946
Kyle Munro—L. 1669
Joshua Mynttinen—L. 27
Josh Neitzel—L. 2222
Daniel Senf—Local 2486
Drew Taylor—L. 1256
Rob Vantour—L. 93

All three contests were very exciting and extremely close. In the end, the following gentlemen emerged as victors, and the first place contestants will go on to compete at the National Contest in August in Quebec City:

Floor Covering Contest

1st Place—Mike Walsh, Local 27
2nd Place—Yan-Nick Michaud, Local 93
3rd Place—Pat Czyz, Local 1946

Drywall, Acoustic & Lathe Contest

1st Place—Jordan Titus, Local 675
2nd Place—Jeff Best, Local 397
3rd Place—Bill Myers, Local 785

Carpentry Contest

1st Place—Joshua Mynttinen, Local 27
2nd Place—Daniel Senf, Local 2486
3rd Place—Josh Neitzel, Local 2222

Special thanks go out to the Contest Planning Committee, Judges and wonderful Sponsors whose generous contributions made this event possible.

The Hon. Charles Sousa—
Minister of Labour—congratulates
the Contestants and speaks to
them as well as our OYAP
students about the importance of
working safely.



Flooring Contest: Robert Ferkul, Judge;
Yan-Nick Michaud, 2nd Place;
Bruce Gillham, Judge; Pat Czyz, 2nd Place;
Michael Walsh, 1st Place; Paul Green, Judge



Drywall Contest: Tom Culyer, Judge;
Ron Johnson, ISCA; Mike Allen, IFSTC;
Anthony Simone, IFSTC;
Jordan Titus, 1st Place;
Bill Myers, 3rd Place;
Jeff Best, 2nd Place



Carpentry Contest: Daniel Senf, 2nd Place;
Archie McKean, Judge,
Joshua Mynttinen, 1st Place;
Jim DeMelo, Judge;
Josh Neitzel, 3rd Place



Front row: Ross Corindia; Roland Evidente;
Drew Taylor; Terry McBrady;
Nicholas Shelley; Josh Mazak
Middle row: Mike Walsh; Jordan Titus;
Yan-Nick Michaud
Back row: Daniel Senf; Kambiz Mofid;
Joshua Mynttinen; Pat Czyz; Michael Braico;
Joe Allison; Bill Myers; Jeffery Good;
Rob Vantour; Jeff Best; Iain Darrah;
Josh Neitzel; Kevin Edwards; Kyle Munro;
Matthew Leavoy

APPRENTICESHIP

Training Visionary—Eddie Thornton—Celebrates Retirement



After an illustrious career that has spanned five decades, two countries and a range of positions from carpenter's apprentice to contractor of custom homes to union representative to training pioneer, Eddie Thornton—Executive Director of the Carpenters' Local 27 Training Centre—has retired.

Eddie was honoured by his many friends, colleagues, and family at a special tribute dinner on March 10th, 2011.

Eddie has definitely left his mark on the unionized construction industry with his unique ability to reach out to all of our stakeholders, build consensus, and facilitate the formation of many innovative and invaluable partnerships that have both benefited the industry as a whole and helped countless individuals to better their lives.

Eddie has left very big shoes to fill for Cristina Selva—former Director of Training for the Training Centre—who has taken over the role of Executive Director.

Congratulations, Eddie, and thank you for taking our Training Centre to unprecedented heights!



MAC COMMITTEE



Every election campaign, the lawn signs come out and candidates start knocking on doors...but do people really care? I think we've all heard others say (or even thought or said it ourselves): "it's not that important" or "what will my vote change?"

As I've grown older, I've learned that there's no really valid reason for not getting involved politically or, at the very least, showing up to vote. In order for things to change for the better, someone has to do something and that someone might as well be you (or me). As skilled trades-people, our living is closely tied to the community in which we live. And so being politically-active or volunteering for your local candidate, or simply talking with friends and co-workers about day-to-day issues is important to all of our careers. Carpenters have a proud tradition of leading the way for progressive social change, from the creation of the 8 hour work day to the improvement of on-the-job working conditions. When we are politically-active, we help to ensure that elected officials know that we're prepared to stand up and fight for the issues we care about.

On behalf of all brothers and sisters in the MAC (Members Action Committee), please get politically-active in your area and help those who support us. Working together, we can (and have) made a difference. Agitate, educate, organize.

Yours Fraternally,
Aaron Richardson

FACES OF THE COUNCIL



IN MEMORIAM

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Frank Chiaravalle
Paul Gadoury
Stanley Horridge
Otto V. Lazdins
Salvatore Milito
Sergio Piccolo
Paul Rempel
John Sexton
Gene Wikobrado

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Ruggero Battagello
Nick Buric
Zvonimir Cavlovich
Pietro Francescutti
Fred Legebrow
Francesco Rizzo
Nick Stasiuk
Ted E. Woodard

Local 1256

Stan Hyatt
Gerald McDonald
Carmine Spina

Local 1956

Samuel A. Morelli

Local 2222

Stewart R. Henderson
Ernest Topan

Area 2

Local 27

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Maurice Claude Burns
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Carlo Martini

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Michael A. Reilly

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Julians Snucins

Robert Taylor

Ralph Zilz

Local 397

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Local 675

Corrado Bellassai
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Cosmo Desantis
Peter Dotchison
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Local 249

Ted Ralph Wickens

Local 2041

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Luc Lebel
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BULLETIN

August 2011	September 2011	October 2011	November 2011	December 2011
August 8 Local 397	September 12 Local 397	Cancelled Local 397	November 14 Local 397	December 12 Local 397
Cancelled Local 27	September 13 Local 27	October 12 Local 27	November 9 Local 27	December 14 Local 27
August 10 Club 88	September 14 Club 88	October 12 Club 88	November 9 Club 88	December 14 Club 88
Cancelled Member Orientation	September 20 Member Orientation	October 18 Member Orientation	November 14 Member Orientation	December 20 Member Orientation
Cancelled Shop Steward	September 20 Shop Steward	October 18 Shop Steward	November 14 Shop Steward	December 20 Shop Steward
Cancelled Local 1030	September 21 Local 1030	October 19 Local 1030	November 15 Local 1030	December 21 Local 1030
August 22 Local 675	September 26 Local 675	October 24 Local 675	November 16 Local 675	Cancelled Local 675
August 24 Local 785	September 28 Local 785	October 26 Local 785	November 23 Local 785	December 28 Local 785

To confirm these dates - please call your local.

Address / Cell / Email Update or Change

Please be advised that the Carpenters' Union has started making calls to update the membership list with the specific intent of securing cellular phone numbers and e-mail address for those members who have them. This information will help the Carpenters' Union stay in touch with the membership and keep you better informed of what's taking place in the run-up to and during the 2011 provincial election.

These calls will be made to all members across the Carpenters' District Council of Ontario over the next number of weeks. If you have a cell number or/and email address you would like to share please contact the political action office at gbeis@thecarpentersunion.ca or at 905-652-4140 ext 273.

Name _____

Address: _____

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